

News and Notes

- **NEW RESOURCE: Redeemed – A Bulletin Insert for Christmas** – This new insert shares that, “Our Almighty Maker paints a bigger picture than one moment can behold. The God Who gives you Jesus Christ plans further than you can perceive. Every life has an important place, from fertilization to final breath.” *Item LFL1639BI. \$0.10 ea.*



- **The opportunities for LFL’s Frontlines to apply the For Life message are endless. For example, November is National Adoption Awareness Month.** Check out and order LFL’s resources on adoption (booklets, brochures, bulletin inserts) and share them with your congregation: www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/adoption. Here’s one more: Orphan Sunday (cafo.org/orphansunday/) is November 10. The Christian Alliance for Orphans (www.christianalliancefororphans.org) offers a wealth of resources to help Christians stand up for the orphan ... defend the fatherless ... care for the child that has no family ... visit orphans in their distress.



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- **CHECK OUT THE WORD OF HOPE WEBSITE:**
www.word-of-hope.org

- **Be sure to “Like” and follow LFL on social media!**
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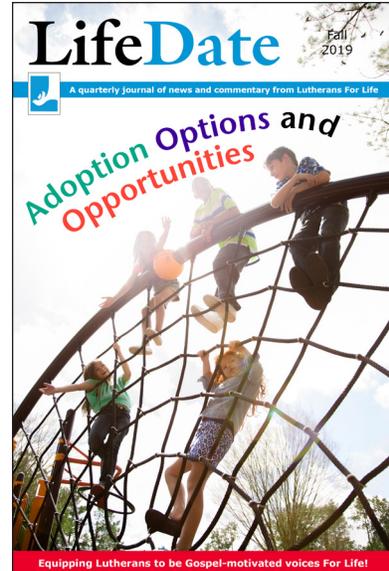
www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts

Also see:

www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife

vimeo.com/user4132928

- **Please note that we have a Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs:** www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL. The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.
- **LifeDate is another way to share the For Life message with your congregation.** Order LifeDate in bulk quantities at no charge. (Donations for shipping cost will gladly be accepted.) Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) to order.
- **Life News is available each month to download and print.** *Life News* is a free monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. Go to: www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news.
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- **Real Estate for Life** – “It takes so little to do so much to save the life of a child.” Real Estate for Life makes it easy for you to help Lutherans For Life by using funds a real estate company has already earmarked for commission fees at no extra cost to you. Under real estate law, Real Estate for Life will receive a referral fee. Pro-life organizations will receive 100% of the profits of that fee as a donation. Find out how it works at www.lutheransforlife.org/real-estate-for-life, 877.543.3871, proliferealestate@yahoo.com.



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A Bible Study: Speaking the Ruth in Love

The biblical book of Ruth presents some charming family lore. It also proclaims the sanctity of every human life in a unique way. Matriarch Naomi's circumstances have striking similarities to surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis. She suddenly finds herself responsible as a single mother not only for her own sustenance but also for that of two daughters-in-law. And she fears becoming burdensome to her family in her widowhood. She even insists her family let her go. But the Lord has much better blessings in mind than autonomy and independence.

1. Why was there “a famine in the land”? (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:22)
2. What difficulties was Naomi dealing with? What dangers was Ruth facing? (Ruth 1:11-13, 19-21)
3. What solutions did Naomi pursue for her situation? (Ruth 1:6-9)
4. What solutions did God have in mind? (Ruth 1:22; Ruth 2:1, 14-16, 23; 4:9-11)
5. What good things did God bring from this affliction for Naomi? For Ruth? For humankind? (Ruth 4:13-17)
6. How does Ruth's declaration demonstrate God's grace to us? (Ruth 1:16-17)
7. Who are some Naomis and Ruths around you?
8. What are some ways you can express this kind of devotion to them?



New Approach to Raising Money

by Art Scherer

(Source: <https://lcef.org/new-approach-raising-money-church/>)

A member of the congregation to which I belong asked how they might raise funds for our food bank outreach ministry. Among my responses was, “Have you tried crowdfunding?” It’s an approach I see being used more frequently by churches and individuals.

Crowdfunding is the process of raising money for a particular cause from a large group of people, and today it is usually associated with the use of the internet and social media as the platform for such fundraising. It is often used by entrepreneurs for raising venture capital for a new product or service, but today it is increasingly used by both individuals and organizations such as the church to fund personal or ministry projects.

Some general observations about crowdfunding:

- They are not capital campaigns—probably best for projects of \$5,000 or less.
- They take work if they are to be successful. You can’t just post a campaign and expect the money to pour in.
- They are particularly effective with young people who give to causes rather than budgets and who are connected to social media and the internet. Your project may be coupled with a mail campaign (the old version of crowdfunding) to reach some of your generous older donors who may be less computer literate.

More specifically:

- You need to choose a specific project. Our food bank, for example, would do better to set a goal of a new freezer for \$2,000 than simply to ask for support for the food bank ministry. What seems to work are things like mission trips, new choir robes, a pastoral sabbatical project, repair of a building after a fire, etc. What does not seem to work is support for the budget. Remember, this is fundraising. It is not stewardship education that leads to regular giving. It is asking people to give “over and above” for a specific cause.
- Do your homework. Set forth a clear and convincing case statement. Appeal to the head and the heart. Invite people to get involved in addition to their donation. (Younger people give to causes, especially ones in which they may become participants.) Appeal not just to your members, but to the whole world—a possibility through the internet. Get the broadest possible exposure—email, social media—and keep your current and potential donors updated on the progress of your campaign and your ongoing need.
- Unless you are very experienced at this, you will probably need an agent—some company that will help you create a platform, notify the group you seek to reach, post



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your updates, collect funds, distribute those funds to you, send out tax receipts in the case of nonprofits, etc. You can expect to pay a service fee of anywhere from 5% to 10% depending on the company and the services provided or needed. A number of such organizations exist. Some specialize in entrepreneurs seeking venture capital. Others—the ones you want—offer broader resources, including platforms for non-profit or faith-based organizations. Among those are www.gofundme.com, <https://myevent.com>, and www.indiegogo.com. Check out the FAQs and the entire fee structure before signing up. Look at some sample postings. See how many actually reach their goal.

Crowdfunding is just one of the newer approaches to fundraising.

Art Scherer is president emeritus of the Southeastern District, LCMS, and a consultant in stewardship and capital funding for LCEF. Dr. Scherer is developer of LCEF's popular Consecrated Stewards series and author of the "Living as Children of a Generous God" Bible studies.

This article was originally featured in the January-February 2018 issue of "Directions."



Our Frontlines Continue to Grow

by Deaconess Rachel Geraci, Mission and Ministry Director

Lutherans For Life is always encouraged when more and more of its Frontline folks come together to start formal pro-life groups. By forming Life Chapters and Life Teams, Lutherans around the country can equip and encourage one another as they go about serving the Lord and their neighbor in the life arena.

Over the past three months, five of these formal life groups were born. With the assistance of Jeanne Mackay and Lutherans For Life of Kansas, two Life Chapters began meeting in the “Sunflower State”: Flint Hills Lutherans For Life in Manhattan, Kansas, and Lutherans For Life of Greater Topeka. In order to become an official Lutherans For Life Chapter, each group elected officers, composed and then signed a chapter constitution, and began meeting on a regular basis. We praise the Lord for the work He is doing in Kansas!

Also this fall, Life Teams formed in three different Lutheran congregations. These churches include St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Columbia City, Indiana; St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (LCMC) in West Falls, New York; and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Hillsdale, Michigan. By working through the LFL Life Team Tool Kit, each team was approved by their pastors, chose and trained a Life Team Leader, and successfully completed Life Team 101 membership training. In the upcoming months, they will also work through the Mission Discovery Process in order to come up with ways to best serve the Lord where they have been planted.

Please keep our Frontlines in your prayers that they may continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life despite the world’s dark and dreary secular message.

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/life-chapters-and-life-teams



Project Idea: Medical Lending Closet

Grace Episcopal Church of Cedar Rapids provides a medical lending closet to their community. Would this work as a project for your Life Team, Life Chapter, or congregation? Here are a few highlights from their brochure.

Who Are We?

Grace Episcopal Church has been serving the medical equipment needs in our community for many years. We recognize that medical equipment is expensive and not always covered by insurance. Did you know that Medicare will not routinely cover bath equipment without special waivers? We make our equipment available to anyone and everyone. Our Lending Closet is run by a number of dedicated, helpful, and friendly volunteers. We strive to make the lives of others in our community a little easier. There is no charge for our medical equipment. We ask that our clients return the equipment clean so that we can loan it to the next person in need. We do charge a small (\$25.00), refundable security deposit on some of our larger items, such as hospital beds, electric wheelchairs, and life chairs.

Donations Accepted ...

As we operate strictly on donations, we welcome all donations of medical equipment and funds. Of course, all your donations are tax deductible. Your donated monies are used to repair existing equipment or to purchase equipment to fill the ever-growing need.

Our Clients and Their Medical Needs ...

We work with individuals, home healthcare workers, and both Mercy and St Luke's Hospitals to provide for the medical needs of anyone in need. Frequently, people cannot be released from the hospital until their equipment needs can be met. We often work with senior citizens who wish to stay in their homes and maintain an independent lifestyle.

Our Hours of Operation ...

Monday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We Wish to Thank ...

All our many supporters for their donations and discounts, especially
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Testimonial

“When my sister had a severe stroke and needed medical equipment, we were at a loss. She had no medical insurance and could not afford to rent or buy a wheelchair or hospital bed. It was a true blessing to find out about your program and to be able to take the financial worry from her family's shoulders. We were able to pick up the equipment with absolutely no hassle and were told she could keep it as long as she had a need. We are very grateful and thankful that there is such a program in our community. Thank you for being there when we needed you!” RMP



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“Project Idea: Medical Lending Closet” was originally featured in the September-October 2017 edition of “Directions.”



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Single-Mom Saturday

by Eugene Wachholz, Treasurer of the Greater Kankakee County Life Chapter

We held a Single-Mom Saturday on September 14, 2019. We partnered with WBGL-FM 104.7 from Champaign, Illinois. This was the sixth year that St. Paul Lutheran Church participated. Seventeen locations throughout the state of Illinois partnered with car dealerships and opened their doors to single moms in the area. St. Paul Lutheran School students colored pictures and bookmarks which were laminated and given to the single moms. Women from the congregation baked cookies for gift bags. St. Paul members also greeted and washed and vacuumed cars. Single moms received a car wash, a car vacuum, an oil change, and minor repairs for their cars. The event was held at Court Street Ford on Latham Drive in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Funding for the event came from the Endowment Fund. (We paid half of the oil-change charge.)

There were 17 openings from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We had 14 single moms participate and three who had cars they could not drive so were unable to attend the event. We were able to pray with the single moms who attended. There is a single mom who is a mechanic at the dealership, and this is the second year we were able to minister to her.

Single moms sat and journaled while their car was being serviced. One question was, "What's it like being a single mom?"; the other question was, "Tell us what it's like to walk with Jesus every day as a single mom." One mom who did not know Jesus as her Lord and Savior last year did know Jesus this year. Last year the single mom did not answer the second question and this year she did!



Our Political Climate

by Russ Wernli, President of Houston LFL Chapter #132

In my life, I cannot remember a more divided political climate in America with so much hatred for our leaders coming from both the conservatives and the liberals. Unlike the Vietnam conflict and racial unrest of the '60s, this fight is about so many different issues it's hard to sort them all out. If you truly step back and take a look, it's easy to see the spiritual struggle that is waging, with Satan weaving his evil at every turn. Of the many issues that are being fiercely debated, the one that stands out most is the pro-life/pro-death struggle. There seems to be no middle ground here, and no other issue is as morally damaging to our society. Our culture has slowly and methodically turned away from biblical marriage, family values, and respect for human life. We will soon get to vote, and the choices will not always be easy, but as Christians, we have a duty to express the truth about the sanctity of life at the polls—and to our families, friends, and others we come in contact with.

This can be somewhat intimidating. How can we express these biblical truths without “pushing” our religious beliefs on others? Trying to avoid confrontation, we must always speak with love in our hearts—love for the innocent lives being taken, love for the parents who are suffering from the guilt of an abortion decision, love for our neighbors who are denying the truth that God has written on their hearts, and love for our great nation as we collectively ask our Savior for forgiveness for this horrific tragedy.



From our friends at Christian Medical & Dental Associations:

Dementia

“ ... There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away” (Revelation 21:4, NIV 1984).

I try to visit her twice a week but sometimes only make it once. My mom is suffering from severe dementia and requires round-the-clock attendants. She can barely carry on a conversation, and, when she does, it is often like, “I haven’t seen Mother in a while. How is she doing?” ... with her own mother gone for 30 years; or, “Where is Bud?” ... about our dad, who has been with the Lord for four years. My goal when I visit is to bring a moment of joy into her mental chaos, to produce a smile or a bit of laughter, even if she doesn’t understand.

Dementia is tragic for those whose minds are caught in its confusion, and it’s tragic for those who care for loved ones so trapped. Dementia is terrible, but we must not give dementia more credit than is due. Dementia is terrible, but:

Dementia does not negate the life that preceded it. Long years of joys and relationships and love are not erased by a few years of dementia.



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Dementia does not negate the value of those within its grasp. We are confused if we think people have value because they are beautiful, or educated, or rich, or clear-minded. As William Sloan Coffin reminds us, “God’s love does not seek value, it creates it. It is not because we have value that we are loved. It is because we are loved that we have value.” My mother’s value is linked to a love from which she cannot be separated (Romans 8:38-39).

Dementia does not negate God’s purpose for the lives of those who are trapped in its dark cave. As long as we live on this side of heaven, God’s purpose will work through our lives, however debilitated we might be. I don’t know what other purposes God might have imbedded in my mother’s suffering, but I do know He has changed my character and my faith for the better by my caring for Mom.

Dementia cannot frighten away the Christ Who walks beside the ones who have [faith in] Him. **“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you”** (Hebrews 13:5b, NIV 1984).

Dementia cannot prevent the victory to come. We will one day all be whole—my mom will laugh and love again coherently when “the old order of things has passed away.”

Dear Father,

Thank You that You are with each of us, regardless of our mental capacities. Give us strength to care for those with dementia and strength to weather our own...for Your glory.

Amen.

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Attention all Life Teams and Life Chapters!

Join in on the Frontline call to get LFL updates and new project ideas.

When: Monday, January 13, 2020
7:00-8:00 p.m. CDT

What: There will be a devotion, LFL activity update, life project ideas, and Q & A.

CONNECT: Dial: 563.999.2090 – Upon being prompted, add PIN 889227 to join the call.

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/life-chapters-and-life-teams

From Virginia Flo: “We were blessed to have Susie Pipkorn, president of the Ozaukee County Life Chapter in Northeast Wisconsin, present on our Lutherans For Life Frontline Conference Call [in October]. She shared the story of how her Life Chapter has exhibited at the Ozaukee County Fair for over 20 years. The dedication of their Life Chapter and all those who share their For Life message at local fairs is outstanding. Here is a picture of their booth as she described it on our call. Thank you, Susie, for sharing and inspiring those of us on the call. Keep up your dedication and good work in Wisconsin.”



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LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Through the skillfulness of some LFLers in Ohio, along with the Miami Valley Life Chapter, a new project entitled “LAMBs” (Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets) has been created. Although our world might tell us otherwise, children truly are a blessing. Therefore, Lutherans For Life would like to celebrate children, especially those families with a lot of them!

We would like to celebrate families that are awaiting the birth of their fourth or more child by gifting them with a homemade blanket. Do you know such a family in your Lutheran church? If so, please contact Rachel Geraci, our mission and ministry director, at rgeraci@lutheransforlife.org so that she can arrange for this gift to be sent to them. (Alternatively, you can fill out the form below and send it to Carol Houtler of the Miami Valley Life Chapter.)

Thank you for helping us care for your neighbor in this way!

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Do you know a family in your congregation who is having its fourth or more child? Wouldn't it be nice to gift them with a homemade blanket in celebration of this new life? Simply by filling out this form, Lutherans For Life, the Miami Valley Life Chapter, and other Lutherans from the state of Ohio will ensure that a blanket made with love will be sent directly to this expectant mother anywhere within the continental United States. There are no strings attached. As the Body of Christ, we want to use this as an opportunity to share the mercy that our Savior Jesus Christ first showed us on the cross.

Your Name: _____

Your Congregation: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mother's & Father's Names: _____

Baby's Gender: Boy ___ Girl ___

Mother's Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please send completed forms to: Carol Houtler/Miami Valley Life Chapter
7163 Pugliese Place
Dayton, OH 45415-1207



“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms” (Isaiah 40:11a).





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NOTE: LIFE TEAM TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE LFL NATIONAL OFFICE.

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ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
LTT1DVD		Life Team Tool 1 DVD	\$10	
LTT2DVD		Life Team Tool 2 DVD	\$10	
LTT3DVD		Life Team Tool 3 DVD	\$10	
LTT4DVD		Life Team Tool 4 DVD	\$10	
LTT1FM		Life Team Tool 1 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT2FM		Life Team Tool 2 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT3FM		Life Team Tool 3 Field Manual	\$10	
LTTBN		LIFE TEAM TOOL BUNDLE (Includes tools 1-4 and field manuals)	\$30	
			TOTAL	
			SHIPPING	\$15
			GRAND TOTAL	

LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST/CDT. Hours subject to change without notice.

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Leader
Training

TOOL 3
Life Team
101

TOOL 4
Resource
Disc

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Month / Year

Signature _____

You may also purchase Life Team Tools by credit card by calling 888.364.LIFE (5433).





Owen's Mission

**"A PERSON'S
A PERSON,
NO MATTER
HOW SMALL"
-DR. SEUSS**

Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), **no matter how small!**

Owen's Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.



Where did Owen's Mission come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



"I held my little grandson Owen in the palm of my hand. He died at 21 weeks during prenatal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the 20-week *Touch of Life* fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again."

As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with a DVD message from Dr. Lamb.

You can support Owen's Mission by encouraging your Lutheran elementary or high school to have an Owen's Mission presentation! Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email info@lutheransforlife.org.

Speakers Bureau

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life

Do you need a speaker? Lutherans For Life will work with you to help meet your needs for a speaker at a rally, convention, Bible study, worship service, public or parochial school, college/university, or workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available.

General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event.
- Lodging: Quiet, nonsmoking hotel room.
- Honorarium: Affiliated speakers for Lutherans For Life are not in a paid position. Therefore, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium for affiliated speakers. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Honorariums depend on number of events. Honorariums begin at \$200.
- Meals: \$25 per day unless other arrangements are made.
- Other: A lectern will be needed. A TV, video projector, DVD player, and screen may be needed.

Speakers:

Jean Amundson (nationwide – based in Cleburne, Texas)
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide – based in Iowa Falls, Iowa)
Rev. Paul M. Clark (nationwide – based in Fowler, Michigan)
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John Eidsmoe (nationwide – based in Pike Road, Alabama)
Kim Hardy (nationwide – based in Grand Haven, Michigan)
Kristi Hofferber (nationwide - based in Bethalto, Illinois)
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide – based in Peachtree City, Georgia)
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada – based in Marshalltown, Iowa)
Sheila Luck (nationwide – based in Scandinavia, Wisconsin)
Ryan C. MacPherson (nationwide – based in Mankato, Minnesota)
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa – based in St. Peter, Minnesota)
Rev. Michael W. Salemink (nationwide and Canada – based in St. Louis, Missouri)
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Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful Frontline workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your State Federation/Life Chapter have the opportunity to speak on life issues in your community, please let us know! This information will help us as we look at our strategic plan and determine the resources that are most needed to help you carry forth your mission For Life! Please return to the national office or email info@lutheransforlife.org.

Speaking Engagement Report Form	
Speaker's Name:	
Location:	
Date:	
Topic of Presentation:	
Audience presented to (teens, adults, children, etc.):	
Number of people in attendance:	
Resources used at presentation (DVD, brochures, articles, etc.):	

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The Basics of Lutherans For Life

Our Mission: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

Our Vision: Every Lutheran congregation upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same

Structure and Relationships

A local Life Chapter is a local organization that has been chartered by National Lutherans For Life. The Life Chapter is formally associated with and subject to, but not a part of, the corporation known as Lutherans For Life, Inc.

A State Federation is an organization that has been chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc., in a state where there are at least five chartered Life Chapters. In a state where a State Federation exists, the Life Chapters also become affiliated with the State Federation. This occurs automatically at the same time a Life Chapter becomes chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. These relationships are basically the same whether or not the Life Chapter is incorporated. Thus, Lutherans For Life consists of a network of individual entities formally associated with each other.

Membership Information

All officers of State Federations and Life Chapters and Life Ministry Coordinators must be members in good standing of Lutheran congregations and members of National Lutherans For Life.

Membership contributions are divided among the national organization, State Federation, and local Life Chapter if it is chartered.

Life Chapters that wish to include a membership form in newsletters or correspondence are asked to maintain the form and information provided by the national office.

The local Life Chapter may not establish its own membership program since LFL has a “unified membership” program. When sending a membership form to the national office, make sure the Life Chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will ensure that the State Federation and local Life Chapter receive the proper remittance payment.

Membership Classifications

Annual Membership

- Annual members join by making a membership donation accompanied by a completed copy of the membership form (or by joining online).

Sponsor Membership

- Sponsor members pledge to contribute a certain amount each month and to pray regularly for Lutherans For Life.
- Sponsor members receive a monthly letter from the executive director.
- Sponsor members are asked to renew their monthly pledge each year as part of the annual membership drive.

The Remittance Program of LFL

All MEMBERSHIP donations are shared with the chartered State Federation and/or local Life Chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

Annual Memberships:

- 20% goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 20% goes to the State Federation.)
- 20% goes to the State Federation
- 60% remains at national

Sponsor Memberships:

- 1/12 goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 1/12 goes to the State Federation.)
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 His will works life.
 He doesn't just say it,
 He shows it and shares it.

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"Did God Really Say ...?"



Bulletin insert front/back

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Did God say, "Value's derived from activities and abilities"? Or did He declare that apart from Me you can do nothing; it is God Who works in you? (John 15:5; Philippians 2:13)

Did God say, "Every perspective's equally valid"? Or did He proclaim, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," and one hope, one Lord, one faith? (John 14:6; Ephesians 4:4-6)

Did God say, "No forgiveness if you end a life"? Or did He promise that Jesus Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world—He died once for all? (1 John 2:2; Romans 6:10)

Did God say, "Government can't force morals"? Or did He instruct that God appoints authorities to approve good and avenge evil, and to obey your earthly masters? (Romans 13:4; 1 Peter 2:17-18)

Did God say, "Use sexuality as you see fit"? Or did He direct that we are not our own but were bought with a price, and to present ourselves as a living sacrifice? (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1)

LET ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAY, "AMEN!"

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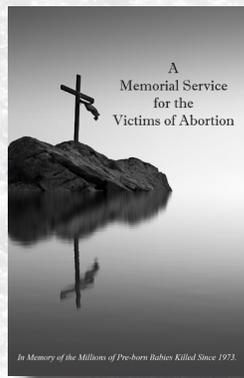
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"Did God Really Say ...?"

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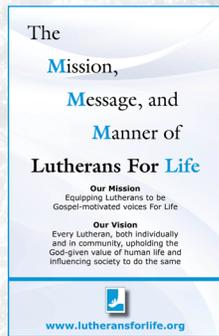
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- Provide copies of **LifeDate** for members of your congregation. (Contact LFL at 888.364.LIFE to order. www.lutheransforlife.org/media/lifedate)
- Have your adult and/or children’s choir sing “**God Knew Your Name**” (Item LFL1508) during the worship service. Print the lyrics in the bulletin.
- Place a white flower in/on chancel/altar when a person is baptized (representing the new life found in Christ).
- During worship services display crib quilts which can later be donated to a pregnancy center.
- Have a “Celebrate Life” service on March 25th (The Annunciation of our Lord).
- Make a “For Life” banner for church in conjunction with Life Sunday or other event.
- On Life Sunday, celebrate the baptism of all children baptized since the previous year’s Life Sunday. Each family gets a letter of invitation prior to the Life Sunday “celebration.”

